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Crowd Enjoys Labor's Annual Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Central Labor Council at Salinas proved to be a huge success again this year, with an overflow crowd of youngsters in the main floor of the Palma Auditorium to watch the show and meet Santa Claus.

This year's party was financed through a ticket sale and the place of the party was shifted from the high school to the Palma School Auditorium because of greater seating capacity.

Several acts of entertainment were presented, with music supplied through the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry, under arrangements with Musicians Union 616. Al Finley Jr. and Art Reina, of Motion Picture Operators Union 661, handled lighting for the show.

Children were greeted by Santa Claus after the entertainment features, and on their way out of the auditorium were given bags of candy and toys.

Because of the crowd, parents were asked to remain outside the auditorium, or call back for the children. Co-operation of union officials in the large committee of arrangements, plus assistance of city policemen and firemen, kept the annual party moving smoothly.

PRODUCE SHEDS RAZED BY FIRE BEING REBUILT

Two sheds, covering an area 60 by 300 feet, are being built for the Martin Produce Co. in Salinas by union workmen under direction of contractors Tombleson & Huck, to replace sheds destroyed by fire last March 1.

Carpenter foreman on the job is Bill Erich, according to Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925. Several innovations are noted in the new sheds, which are expected to be finished by March 1.

The sheds are one-story, of tilt-up pre-cast concrete construction, and are at ground level instead of the former dock height. Overhead icing platforms are being built and additional car-loading platforms, plus a new spur track, are under construction to serve the vacuum pre-cooling operation of the firm.

Former Union Officer Named to Federal Apprenticeship Group

Concord, N. H. (LPA)—Charles C. Davie, former president of AFL Pressmen's Local 276 here, has been appointed an industry representative on the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Davie now is industrial relations director of the Rumford Press, where he served his pressman's apprenticeship many years ago. He also is a past vice president of the Concord Central Labor Union and a former mayor of the city. Currently he is a member of the city council and, among other civic and industry posts, serves on the Unemployment Compensation Committee of the New Hampshire Manufacturers Association.

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meetings REGULARLY!



AL GREEN, Modesto union leader, named western LLPE director.

Green, of Modesto, Heads West LLPE

C. Al Green, district No. 7 vice-president of the State Federation of Labor and long-time active union leader in the Modesto area, last week was named Western Director of Labor's League for Political Education, the AFL's political arm, according to announcements originating in Washington.

Green is well-known in the state through his long association with the State Federation and with building trades union affairs in the central valleys, and he is regarded as well trained for the important job of rallying AFL voting strength in the western states for the crucial elections of 1954.

LABORERS 690 HOLD KIDDIES' CHRISTMAS FETE

Success of the Christmas party held by Laborers Union 690 of Monterey for members and their children was reported last week by Secy. George E. Jenkins.

The Labor Temple in New Monterey was filled to capacity, with the crowd estimated at near 500. The party had been changed to afternoon because of a late commitment for the hall at night. Children and parents were waiting before the hall long before the party was to start.

For entertainment there were motion pictures for youngsters and two professional acts, a magician and a marionette show. After the entertainment, Santa Claus, portrayed ably by Kenneth Holt, greeted the kiddies and passed out oranges, apples, and stockings filled with candy.

Tennessee Unions Aid Leukemia Victim

Knoxville, Tenn. — Members of Machinists Lodge 55 and AFL Federal Labor Union 21754 raised \$353 to buy Tommy Bolton, a leukemia victim, a pony, western saddle and cowboy suit.

Butchers Meet In Mont. Jan. 11

Next meeting of Butchers Local 506 in Monterey will be Monday night, Jan. 11, in Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., in New Monterey.

Union officials remind members that this is a different day and different place for the meeting. Election of officers for the area is scheduled and all members are urged to be present.

Temo Xmas 'Open House' Is Success

General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County held "open house" for all members and their families at the union headquarters in Salinas last Wednesday.

The event, arranged by Office Manager Frances Dougwell and Union Secretary W. G. Kenyon, proved to be an outstanding success, particularly with the children.

An estimated 1000 persons visited the office for the party and all seemed to be having a good time.

Adults were greeted at the front of the office where a "coffee bar" had been set up, with coffee and donuts as chief attraction.

Children were allowed to wander back to the rear meeting hall where Santa Claus, in the person of Gerald Taylor, greeted each youngster individually and then handed him or her a sack full of candy, nuts, oranges and apples.

Housing Starts Total 80,000 In November

Washington, D. C.—Nonfarm housing starts declined less than seasonally in November to 80,000, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

The November decline was in privately owned housing, and reflected some decrease in activity in all sections of the country except the Pacific States. Included in the November total were 1,600 new units begun by public housing authorities.

Starts of privately owned housing were down by almost 11 percent, but the decline was less than usual for November. In each of the three previous years (1950-52) the October-November drop amounted to around 18 percent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, private starts this November were at an annual rate of 1,069,999—the highest rate since April.

The million mark for new dwelling-unit starts in 1953 was reached in November, with 1,031,300 new nonfarm dwelling units begun during the first 11 months, compared with 1,055,500 for the same months in 1952, and 1,030,500 for the period in 1951. The downward drift in private housing starts which began last May has been gradual, so that the total through November was almost equal to private volume for the same period of 1952—the second best housing year on record.

Publicly owned housing, totaling 34,200 units, was down by more than a third from the January-November figure, according to preliminary estimates of the Bureau.

Monterey Carpenters Meet Jan. 4; Auxiliary Party Set for Jan. 16

Coming meetings of Carpenter groups in Monterey were reported last week by the union, the meetings to be in Carpenters Hall.

First meeting of 1954 for Carpenters Union 1323 will be Monday night, Jan. 4, a quarterly meeting.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the union has arranged a party for Saturday night, Jan. 16, first social function of the year.

Building Trades Ask Ike for a Housing Plan

(AFL Release)

Recommendations for a new housing program designed to encourage construction of a million new units a year, to provide for public housing and to substitute private for government financing were submitted to President Eisenhower by a special advisory committee.

Richard Gray, president of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department, who served on the committee, said he could not subscribe to all the recommendations in the massive report, "but it was the best we could get."

MINIMUM PROGRAM

"The committee recommendations represent the minimum program acceptable to labor," Gray emphasized.

He indicated that the big question now is whether the President will accept the report as his recommendation to Congress and whether Congress will agree to go along with it.

Last year Congress virtually killed the public housing program. The President's committee urged the need for such a program, to provide decent accommodations for families in the lowest income brackets, but left the size and the method of financing up to Congress.

THREE SUGGESTIONS

Among the newer and challenging suggestions of the committee were:

1. Liberalization of mortgage insurance on low-cost housing, including 40-year mortgages without a down payment. This was considered impractical by labor.

2. Establishments of a national mortgage corporation, federally chartered but privately financed, to take over the functions of the Federal National Mortgage Association.

3. Creation of an "urban renewal" loan and grant fund, to encourage communities to undertake slum clearance and rehabilitation programs under liberal mortgage provisions.

Empie Due Back Early Next Year

Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, is due back on the job right after the first of the new year, friends and co-workers said last week.

Empie has been resting at his home following a mild heart attack and has shown such rapid recovery that his physician reportedly has approved his return to work. He has been on an extended leave of absence, with Office Secy. Lillian Johnson and Union Pres. Carl Jones handling his duties.

Democratic unionism requires an alert, active membership—Attend your meetings.

Monterey Bar, Culinary Union Lists Meetings

Meetings of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, for the first month of the new year were announced last week by Secretary Robert Armstrong.

The evening meeting (8:30) is on Wednesday, January 6, and the afternoon meeting (2:30) will be January 20, Armstrong said. Important business is on the agenda for both meetings, he added.

Salinas Labor Protests County Prisoner Work

Report of protests by labor leaders in Salinas against an announced plan by county supervisors to have prison labor at the county farm do construction work was given to the Central Labor Council of Monterey County at its meeting Dec. 15.

Council Secy. A. J. Clark said that Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925; Dial H. Miles, secretary and business agent of the Building Trades Council, and a delegation of union carpenters and others visited a supervisor meeting to file the protests.

The plan is said to have been abandoned by the supervisors, and the construction of county-prison farm buildings is expected to be handled through regular contract. Use of county prisoners for the work had been suggested as a form of rehabilitation for the men, but unions protested the competition at a time when so many union craftsmen are idle.

Council business at that meeting was devoted almost entirely to discussion of the Christmas party on Dec. 19, Clark said.

Musicians Union 616 informed the council that all incumbent officers had been re-elected.

The meeting of Jan. 1 was cancelled and the first 1054 session will be held Friday night, Jan. 15, Clark added.

Wrecking Job Provides Work

Eight laborers in the Monterey area, members of Laborers Union 690, have been able to get some much-needed work during the holidays, helping the Cleveland Wrecking Co. of Oakland, raze a hotel in downtown Monterey.

The demolition job is expected to take only 9 or 10 days, but it is the only new work in some time and helped at least a few members at Christmas time, according to Union Secretary George E. Jenkins.

Offices Closing Thursday Noon

Nearly all union offices in this area will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, so that employees may have the afternoon off to prepare for New Year's Eve. In nearly every case offices will remain closed until Monday, giving employees a long weekend.

Union people planning to transact business at union offices should not expect to find the offices open Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday or Sunday this weekend.

There are more football experts than players.

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 365 Main St., phone 6746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 3085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASON—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey; 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2986.

BUCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone Cypress 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone Cypress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. **District Vice-President**, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. L. Martin, 928 Garner St., phone 7841; Fin. Sec., and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City) — Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373 — Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Beulah Wenzinger, 55 Katherine Ave., phone 2-0761; Rec. Secy., Mrs. Velma Holcomb, 244 Lang St., phone 8517; Fin. Secy., Mrs. Jean Pillar, 123 Prunedale Rd., phone 9902. Office 244 Lang St., phone 8517.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, Box 16, Marina, phone 5-6722; V.-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Sec. Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood; Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office in Glikberg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Staten; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday, Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Didi H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Cypress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-125.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel; office, 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Ass. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Cas-trovile 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Ass. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight, office, Room 18, Glikberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Matoos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 1177 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 124—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-5262; Sec. & B. A. Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Stewes, 134 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, 611 Towt St., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call. Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone Cypress 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeanette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otto Sleeper, 235 E. San Luis, phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B. A. Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., R. K. Mills; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., E. R. Aruback, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2561.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m. Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Boy, 205 Dodoro, phone 2-4428; Sec. Treas., Robert P. Meders, 217 Marcal Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harold F. Miller, 248 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 2-4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Marvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A. Leslie B. Sellars, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250 Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opfer, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Marcurio, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyns, Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Secy-Treas., Robt. F. Armstrong, Office at 313, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

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BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., phone Cypress 5-3849; San Jose Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., phone Cypress 2-0252.

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CARPENTERS 1020—Meets 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinkey, 105 19th St., P. G. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Mont. office 778 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

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Labor Has A Big Say in England!

Trade union membership is still on the increase in Britain. This fact is revealed in recent figures issued by the Ministry of Labor showing that in 1952 membership rose by 43,000, bringing the total to 9,524,000.

UMW Sees 1954 As Challenge to 'Free Enterprise'

Washington (LPA)—The coming year will offer business a challenge to show what "free enterprise" can do, but it can't go "back to the era of the jungle in labor relationships," says an editorial in the December 15 issue of the United Mine Workers Journal.

Noting a slackening off in the economy through cuts in government spending and "a shift back toward a private-enterprise economy," the Journal says "Certainly we have heard enough chatter in business circles about the wonders of free private enterprise, and now the time has come for business to demonstrate that it means what it spokesmen have been saying."

"For about 20 years business has been waxing fat on government spending, first in the depression period of the thirties, then in pre-war and war spending and in post-war and cold-war defense and foreign-aid outlays in vast amounts. . . . Corporate profits for this year are close to setting a new record. . . . So there is no conceivable reason for business to take to the storm cellar."

It noted among factors tending to maintain purchasing power the "widespread union contracts which would prevent any sharp wage-slashing program by short-sighted businessmen who can't see the woods for the trees."

It warned business, however, "that it cannot expect to achieve and maintain a free enterprise economy at a high level of activity and at the same time attack organized labor through such destructive devices as are contained in the Taft-Hartley act and state statutes."

"It is highly disturbing to read recently of reappearance of the labor-spy racket with the ugly implication that business is getting ready to go back to the era of the jungle in labor relationships. Choosing that path can lead only toward national disaster and the inevitable day of reckoning when the government will again be asked to take over and bail out the free enterprisers. Anything that destroys labor's collective bargaining strength is a crippling blow at the very base of our economy."

Aircraft Firm Used Tax Money to Break Strike, UAW Charges

Detroit (LPA)—Use of "fabulous amounts" of taxpayers' money by North American Aviation Corporation to finance a huge and costly anti-union strikebreaking campaign was charged by the CIO United Auto Workers in demanding a Senate investigation of the strike of 33,000 workers at three plants of the firm. Plants are located in Los Angeles, Columbus, Ohio, and Fresno, Calif. (The strike has since been settled.)

Lack of concern by the Defense Department over the possible effect of the strike, under way since Oct. 23, on the nation's security also was charged in telegrams sent to all 15 members of the Senate Armed Services Committee by UAW and CIO President Reuther and Vice President John W. Livingston, director of UAW's aircraft department.

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Identify your local union—Wear your union button.

FARMERS VOTE FOR CONTROLS

The nation's cotton and peanut farmers voted overwhelmingly for production controls and high price supports. The landslide vote was interpreted by farm experts as another slap at President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Benson, both of whom are on record as opposing controls.

Cotton growers voted by a 93 percent majority for marketing quotas, while peanut raisers gave 94 percent majority. Both percentages set all-time records.

The vote insures the producers of government support prices at 90 percent of parity. (Parity is a figure calculated to give the farmer a fair return on his products in relation to things he must buy.) Had the marketing quotas been rejected, the support price would have dropped to 50 percent of parity.

Four months ago, America's wheat farmers voted 87 percent for marketing quotas.

Inflation Is Back, Says Writer in Eisenhower Paper

New York (LPA)—"U. S. Is Back to Puffing on the Inflation Reefer" is the headline on a story by Donald I. Rogers, business and financial editor of the N. Y. Herald Tribune, which backed Eisenhower for President.

The inflation we have now, Rogers wrote, is "only a tiny bit more inflation than Truman gave the nation, certainly, but there it is, in all its ugliness."

(Prices received by farmers dropped for the fourth straight month in the period ended Nov. 15, the Agriculture Department reported Dec. 1, while prices farmers paid continued to rise. The Labor Department reported Dec. 1 that wholesale prices rose two-tenths of 1 per cent in the week ended Nov. 24.)

Rogers notes Eisenhower promised "a battle against the evil," but the battle has proved unsuccessful so far, proving, according to Rogers, that: In our economy it is impossible to thwart inflation; the Truman regime was "hypocritical" when it implied inflation was an intentional device; American voters "prefer inflation, regardless of the risks."

Rogers said the GOP popularity "hit an ebb when the monetary experts were experimenting with 'hard money,' trying to bring about a mild deflation." He said "easy money is back" and that "it'll be easier as time goes by"; that inflation, too, is back, "for it's the close-sticking shadow of easy money," and said: "The Administration has moved deliberately back into easy money policies so that there will be no lopsided distortions in an inflation-bent nation."

The Wall Street Journal the same day reported that the "shortage" of mortgage financing is over, with "cash-laden" banks seeking out potential borrowers.

Writing in the Harvard Review of Economics and Statistics, Prof. Kenneth E. Boulding of the University of Michigan, said the American economy "is so precarious in its full employment equilibrium that even a slightly wrong direction in government policy might send it into a tailspin." He added that "it is not impossible to visualize a major economic disaster for the U. S. in the next few years."

And in Washington, a survey showed that 41 families out of every 100 in the nation have no cash savings accounts in a bank or a savings and loan association. The survey was made by a research firm for the U. S. Savings and Loan League. The bulk of American savings, the survey showed, is by families with incomes between \$3000 and \$6000, and their savings come to less than \$2000.

REPORT immediately all safety HAZARDS!

Bread and Butter Facts

Security Probe Wound Up In Babble of Confusion

By LANE KIRKLAND

Few of the many special investigations by Congress have begun with greater pretensions than the Curtis Subcommittee on Social Security. With \$100,000 at its disposal and a costly collection of questionable characters for a staff, it started out

insurance—social, commercial, or otherwise. It would simply be a savings account.

If Curtis would examine the retirement plan available to members of Congress, he would find another example. Congressmen who contribute six per cent of their pay become eligible for a pension at age 62 of two and one-half per cent of pay for each year of service in Congress. If Curtis remains in Congress until he has reached age 62, assuming that he elected to join the plan, his annuity will be \$8,250 a year, for which he will have contributed a total of about \$19,800.

It now begins to look as though all the power and priming has been wasted on a dud. Under Curtis' direction, this auspicious beginning turned out to be the subcommittee's high-water mark.

From that point on it moved rapidly downhill, and wound up its operations in a babble of verbal and legalistic quibbling and confusion.

EMPTY CATCH-PHRASE

Having failed in his search for more potent ammunition to use against the Social Security program, Curtis was left with that last feeble weapon of stubborn ignorance—the dogmatic repetition of an empty catch-phrase borrowed from the catechism of the Chamber of Commerce. "Federal Old-Age Insurance," he declared, in effect, "is not insurance—nor is it a right!"

Since it costs the public \$100,000 to enable Curtis to spread this sort of jargon on the record, it deserves closer examination.

Webster defines the verb "to insure" in the following terms: "to secure against loss (as from fire, accident, death, etc.) on certain stipulated conditions, or at a given rate or premium." The Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program conforms to this description.

A few weeks ago the American Assembly, an organization established by Dwight Eisenhower in 1950 and now administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, published a research report on Social Security. This report was prepared as reference material for a meeting of the assembly devoted to that subject.

A chapter of that report, written by Arthur Larson, dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, began as follows: "The American Social Security system is basically an income insurance system."

Referring specifically to the Federal OASI program, Larson added:

"The essence of the insurance principle is that small sums are periodically paid in, in exchange for which a large sum is paid back on the happening of a specified contingency; the size of the principal sum bears some relation to the size of the premiums."

"Our social insurance meets this description."

Curtis himself was present at the session of the American Assembly which considered and endorsed the principle of social insurance as a matter of right. He undoubtedly received a copy of this volume—but perhaps he preferred to burn it, in accordance with the fashion of the day.

ENTICING EXAMPLES

In the effort to buttress his dubious doctrine that Social Security is not "insurance" and establishes no "rights," Curtis dwells at tedious length upon the fact that the individual worker contributes much less to the OASI fund than he stands to draw in benefits if he retires at 65 and realizes the average life expectancy.

The advertisements of commercial insurance companies are replete with enticing examples of persons who paid in only a few small premiums to insure themselves against a contingency, and who then collected a face amount many times in excess of their premiums when that contingency occurred. The fact is that if each individual were assured only of a return of the amount he had paid in premiums, this would not be

New Women's Bureau Head Takes Oath

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Alice K. Leopold, new director of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau, was sworn into office December 11, in a ceremony held in the office of Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell. The oath of office was administered by Judge Mildred Reeves of the Municipal Court of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Leopold, the third director in the Bureau's 33-year history, replaces Miss Frieda S. Miller, who offered her resignation last January with the change of administration, having served since 1944.

The new Women's Bureau head has held the elective office of secretary of state for Connecticut and has been a member of the Connecticut legislature; also personnel director of two large department stores, Hutzler Brothers in Baltimore and S. Altman and Co. in New York. She is secretary and project chairman of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Present at the swearing-in ceremony were Mrs. Leopold's husband, Joseph, and a son, John. Others in attendance include: Secretary Mitchell and other top officials of the Department; U. S. Senator William F. Purtell, of Connecticut; Miss Mary Anderson, first Women's Bureau director; Mrs. Charles P. Howard, Deputy Administrator of Federal Civil Defense; Leonard Hall, chairman, and Miss Bertha Adkins, assistant to the chairman, Republican National Committee.

Also Connecticut Secretary of State Charles Keats, Maryland Secretary of State John Reeves; Mary Oswald Lord, U. S. delegate on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; Dean Clarence Manion, chairman of the Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and Mrs. Manion.

Good Highway Outlook

Dispatches from Washington last week declared that "highway construction is one of the few lines due to expand next year." They state further that surveys show that highway work will increase 10 per cent. Sharing in the increase will be cement makers, oil and steel companies, and makers of road building equipment. Some 50,000 miles of toll roads are planned in seven states.

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Sensible Talk

A strong voice has spoken out against the practice in Tennessee and other states of offering tax-free factories to new industries.

Senator John Kennedy (D., Mass.) pointed out to the Rotarians of Chattanooga that such plants mean, in effect, that taxpayers of other states are giving Tennessee a subsidy.

The Senator recalls that many businessmen who have been lured to communities offering them tax-free factories have picked up their marbles and gone home after a few years of big profits—leaving the communities with empty plants and large bonded debts.

Kennedy was equally forthright in lambasting those who cry that the Tennessee Valley Authority provides unfair industrial advantages to the South.

"TVA is not 'creeping Socialism,'" Kennedy said, "because it attracts industry which might otherwise locate, remain or expand in New England. It is a challenge to us to seek further utilization of our own natural resources. I do not want to see your electric bills for industrial power go up; I want to see our bills go down."

Political Figures

Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, told the National Grange:

"We have had a period of great stability for the past seven months with respect to the over-all cost of living."

The fact of the matter is that during those seven months living costs increased steadily. They just recently hit a record high for the fifth consecutive month and registered an increase for the eighth straight month.

Benson seems to have gotten his figures mixed up with his politics.

Of All People . . .

Allan Shivers, the Dixiecratic governor of Texas, says that the states are being "bribed" with their own money by continued acceptance of federal aid for various purposes.

Shivers should know. He is the man who has pleaded for federal help for Texas farmers, hit by the drought.

Was that a "bribe" you were asking for, Governor?

We don't wish him any bad luck, but we do hope that Jim Bryant, bossy little former boss of the State Department of Employment, will have to stand in line and try to collect jobless insurance checks from some of the clerical royalty running those breadlines.

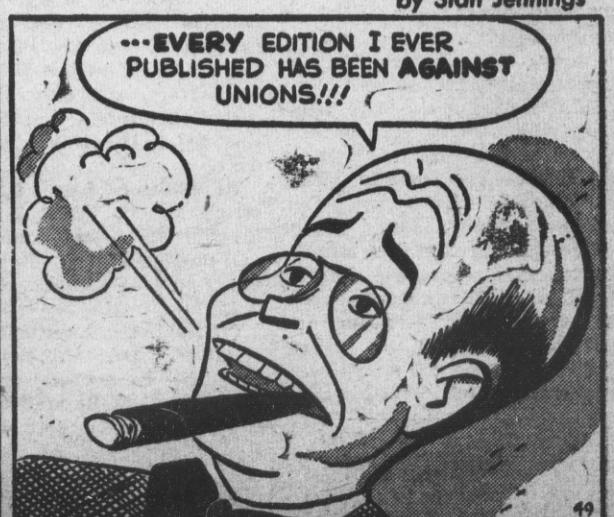
New filter-tip cigarette is "just what the doctor ordered," says a full-page ad. It didn't say what the doctor says, when not under pay of the cigarette manufacturer, about the harm of cigarettes.

No Press Boycott

"The untrammelled freedom of the press is so important to the well-being, not only of organized labor, but to human, civilized life, that no conceivable circumstances could arise that would warrant trade unionists in their organized capacity in placing a publication upon 'boycott' list for the expression of opinion."—Gompers.

"UNION MAID"

—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

The job you save may be your own—buy union!

Hell's Canyon Is Essential to West Industry

(By Labor News Service)

The proposed Hell's Canyon Dam, a giant multi-purpose public power project on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, is an essential source for the low-cost power needed for a healthy, expanding, full employment economy.

If Hell's Canyon and similar projects are blocked, and low-cost public power supply is cut off, "basic industry will be

capacity to the Columbia River system while the Idaho Power dams would contribute 680,000 kilowatts.

3—Hell's Canyon could produce power at \$19.38 per kilowatt year and sell it for \$21, while power from the private project would cost \$36.70 per kilowatt year to produce and sell at \$38.

In 1952, the 1948 Army Engineers and Reclamation Bureau plans were restudied. Combinations of low dams were considered as alternatives, including those proposed by the Idaho Power Co., but the best development plan was always Hell's Canyon.

ENGINEERS AGREE

"Recently," the PAI pamphlet points out, "four engineers in independent surveys have reached the same conclusion. Of these, two are private engineers, one is a geological survey district engineer and Snake River watermaster, while the fourth is in the Bureau of Reclamation Denver office."

The Idaho Power Co. has been "maneuvering" to block the federal program in the Snake River for six years through its petitions and a "high pressure public relations campaign," the Olds and Stong charge, adding that dinners in the Hell's Canyon area were thrown personally by the company president, and paid agents of the company have gone door-to-door, business-to-business.

"Whatever the Federal Power Commission decides in the license matter a court case appears certain," the authors believe.

NO-RAID PACT IS SIGNED

Washington (LPA)—The second step in the quest for unity in the American labor movement was taken Dec. 16 when the heads of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations signed the "no raiding" agreement on behalf of the two parent organizations and the locals directly affiliated with them. It becomes effective on Jan. 1, 1954, but is not binding on international unions until their officers sign the agreement, an event planned for early in 1954.

President Walter P. Reuther and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey signed for the CIO and President George Many and Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler for the AFL. Other members of the unity committees of both groups participated in the meeting, which ended with a luncheon session.

Democratic unionism requires an alert, active membership—Attend your meetings.

The President wants to help us but satellites around him have little compassion," Dempster said.

The Knoxville official is president of "Citizens for TVA, Inc."

The group was formed to fight efforts to cut down development in the Tennessee Valley.

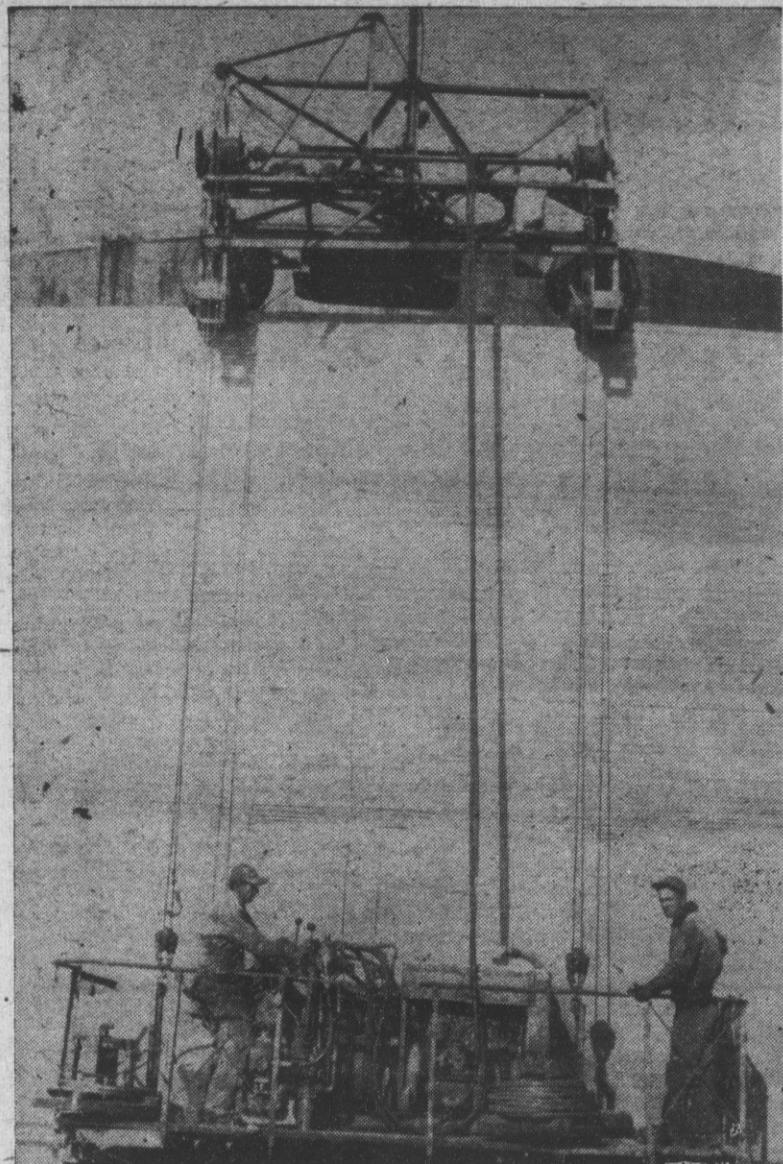
They had a press conference to criticize "the private power people who want to take over TVA."

"The Hell's Canyon issue involves not just the power resources of a 100-mile stretch of the Snake River, not just the resources of the Columbia River Basin with its 34 million kilowatts of potential hydro-electric power. Beyond these, it involves the principle of river-basin development which will assure the people of the entire county the best use of the resources of all their rivers," according to Olds and Stong.

The 32-page pamphlet study offers a detailed comparison between the federal Hell's Canyon dam proposal and the Idaho Power Co. three-dam plan:

1—The federal project would cost \$308 million compared to \$171 million for the private plan.

2—Hell's Canyon would contribute 1,124,000 kilowatt total prime



PRE-STRESS WALLS—Shown here is one of two banding machines at work on the pre-stress concrete fire wall around the oil supply tanks at the \$80 million P. G. & E. Steam-Electric Plant at Pittsburg. Brother Marvin Miller, operator, and Brother Geo. Jaujou are seen here. Another big pre-stress job is Richmond's new 12 million gallon, 3000 ton water reservoir, which is getting 144,000 pounds of "super tens" steel wire pressure.

REVIVE MERCHANT MARINE, AFL TO IKE

(AFL Release)

President Eisenhower was asked by AFL President George Meany to recommend to Congress revival of the American merchant marine which now "faces virtual extinction."

In a letter to the President, Meany pointed out that even such small nations as Panama, Holland and Sweden now exceed us in shipbuilding, while Britain builds 10 times as much tonnage, France three times as much and Germany twice as much.

Meany warned that America is "retracing a pattern" which it has followed three times in the last 35 years and each time "has paid dearly for its error."

REQUESTS MEETING

He urged that the President meet personally with him and with the Executive Council of the AFL Metal Trades Department to consider a "realistic program" for conserving the shipbuilding industry, strengthening the merchant marine and bulwarking the national defense.

The text of Meany's letter to the President follows:

"The American Federation of Labor has watched with growing concern the recent steady disintegration of the American merchant marine. The role which American shipbuilding must play not only in the commerce of the nation but also in our national defense is self-evident. We believe that this problem is of such paramount importance that you may wish to discuss it in your next message to Congress on the State of the Union."

"There is every indication that the American merchant marine faces virtual extinction. The steady decline in shipbuilding and ship repair, plus the consequent dissipation of trained shipbuilding and repair manpower, indicate all too clearly that America is retracing a pattern which it has followed three times in the last 35 years. In each instance our nation has paid dearly for its error. There is still time to prevent this mistake."

LOSS OF LEADERSHIP

"By way of illustration, I cite but one fact. From a position of leadership in the construction of ships the United States has fallen far behind even very small na-

tions; today, Panama, Holland and Sweden surpass us. Among the larger nations, a comparison is not possible—it is a matter of contrasts. Thus the United Kingdom constructs more than 10 times the ships we do; France almost triples our production; and even Germany almost doubles our present output.

"At the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor a resolution was adopted calling upon the Executive Council of the Metal Trades Department and the president of the American Federation of Labor to visit you personally, for the purpose of suggesting for your consideration a realistic program designed to conserve the shipbuilding industry, preserve and strengthen the American merchant marine, and contribute effectively to the national defense."

"May I ask that you give earnest consideration to our request that you meet with this group so that we can present to you our thoughts on this very vital problem?"

India Labor Leader Killed in Air Crash

New Delhi, India—Harihar Nath Shastri, a vice president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and India's leading anti-Communist labor leader, was reported killed in an Indian airliner crash near Nagpur.

The AFL expressed its "deepest sympathy" in a cable to the Indian Trade Union Congress.

And then there used to be the person who turned the other cheek.

DOUGLAS URGES JOBLESS PLANS

Chicago.—Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) warned that the government and private organizations should make plans to ward off or ease a possible depression. He said he did not want to heighten fears which could themselves start a panic.

But, he said, "it is only prudence to take a sober and careful thought as to what we should do if unemployment becomes unmanageable."

Douglas pointed out that unemployment already has caused serious difficulties in the Illinois farm equipment manufacturing centers of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Canton, Rock Falls and East Peoria.

The Senator noted that thousands of automobile and steel workers have been laid off, and that the railroads are starting to lay off large numbers of employees.

"We cannot improve proper remedies after a crisis has developed," he said. "They should be developed beforehand and to do so should steady men's nerves rather than unsettle them."

LOCAL LABOR RELATIONS KEY TO ECONOMY

Milwaukee, Wis.—Secretary of Labor James Mitchell told the Marquette University Labor College here that local labor-management relationship is one of the "nerve centers" of a dynamic democratic social and economic system.

"Therefore," Mitchell said, "no opportunity to strengthen and improve it should be overlooked."

Other points the Secretary made included:

"1) Our general labor-management relations have, after an extended period of tension, matured and eased. Despite disagreement over specific provisions of a national labor policy, we have the time and the climate in which to examine and re-examine established local relationships, preconceived notions and ancient prejudices.

"2) The roots of the social and economic progress of our nation as a functioning democracy depend in a large part upon the degree of success we achieve in harmonious labor-management relations at this level.

"3) Much valuable insight into the local relationship problem has been furnished in recent years. Much more still remains to be done. It is an area in which both employers and unions might well take the initiative in extending opportunities for impartial, scholarly study.

"It is a field in which I believe the resources of the U. S. Department of Labor and of the state departments of labor should be more fully developed and utilized. To my mind, such endeavor would be a worthy contribution to industrial relations research."

Teamsters Charter Local to Take Over ILA Truck Loaders

New York (LPA)—AFL Teamsters President Dave Beck chartered a new local Nov. 23 to assume jurisdiction over 3500 waterfront truck loaders who previously had been part of the old International Longshoremen's Association.

The move had the approval of both AFL President George Meany and Paul Hall, New York head of the AFL Seafarers International Union. SIU and the Teamsters have been working with the new ILA-AFL to clear the waterfront of the old racket-laden ILA which was ousted from the AFL in September.

The new local will operate temporarily as Local 507 and its affairs will be directed for the time being by Thomas L. Hickey, Teamsters' regional vice president.

Hear Frank Edwards!

Smokers! Here It Is—Cigs Cause Cancer!

The cigarette industry is in a dither. For several years the industry tried to ignore growing evidence linking increased use of cigarettes to a rise in cases of lung cancer. Now tobacco manufacturers are hurriedly putting out statements seeking to reassure smokers.

What caused the industry to act, apparently, was the startling discovery that cigarette sales this year are waning—for the first time in 30 years or more, except in times of depression.

Actually, some scientists have been warning for years that there's a connection between lung cancer and heavy smoking. Back in 1950 the magazine Reader's Digest first gave their warnings wide publicity.

Some new bombshells were struck this week, however. One was the disclosure by a group of St. Louis research doctors that they had induced skin cancer in laboratory mice by painting tar from cigarette smoke on the rodent's backs.

Time magazine quoted the leader of the group, Dr. Evarts A. Graham, a famous surgeon, as saying: "This shows conclusively that there is something in cigarette smoke which can produce cancer."

"This is no longer merely a possibility. Our experiments have proved it beyond any doubt."

Even more serious were four alarming reports presented by leading medical experts to a meeting of the Greater New York Dental Society. The New York Times, telling of these reports, declared they "linked cigarette smoking and disease, particularly lung cancer, without qualifications." It adds that "the correlation between smoking and cancer was stated in unusually strong terms."

Dr. Ernest L. Wynder of the Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York City presented a summary of "13 independent studies of lung cancer and smoking," among 5000 patients. These studies, he said, led to the conclusion that "the prolonged and heavy use of cigarettes increases up to 20 times the risk of developing cancer of the lung."

Other specialists, speaking at the same meeting, declared excessive cigarette smoking contributes to or aggravates other diseases, as well.

Dr. Ochsner's advice for averting the evil effects was this: "Smoke no more than half a dozen cigarettes a day, and have a chest x-ray every six months after 40." —"Labor."

GREEN'S WIDOW DIES AT HOME

Coshocton, Ohio.—Mrs. Jennie Mobley Green, widow of the late William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, died here at the age of 83. Although she had been invalided for several years by serious ailments, she survived her husband by almost a year.

Mrs. Green spent most of her life here in Coshocton. Calmly and capably she kept house for her miner husband and raised their six children under conditions which would be considered rigorous in modern times.

An unassuming and God-fearing woman, she shunned the limelight of public life.

Funeral services were held here in the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. John H. Shanley, the family minister, presiding. Mrs. Green is survived by one son and five daughters. Lewis G. Hines represented the AFL at the funeral.

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Maritime Officials Meet in D.C. to Study Problems

The plight of the maritime industry as it will be put before the Congress for action was the main subject of discussion when officials of the Seafarers International Union, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Watertenders and Wipers, and the Masters, Mates and Pilots Association, all of the AFL, met in Washington with officials of the National Maritime Union, CIO.

Harry Lundberg, president of the SUP, said the joint meeting hoped to bring about a concerted effort for continuation of the provision that 50 percent of foreign aid cargoes be shipped in American flag vessels and that the United States Public Health Service receive sufficient appropriations to continue operating the remaining marine hospitals.

The maritime unions also plan to ask the Eisenhower Administration about its program for ship construction and to halt the practice of some American shippers in chartering under the Panamanian and Liberian flags.

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TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
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WHY SHOULD TEACHERS JOIN A TEACHER UNION?

One teacher answers the above question in the following way:

"People join the American Federation of Teachers, as they do other things, for different reasons. In my own case there seem to have been two major considerations.

"First, organized working people have always been the staunchest and most dependable friends of public education in the United States. In the great battles for free schools a hundred years ago, the early workingmen's associations played a central role. The record of the American Federation of Labor, since its founding in 1881, in support of the public schools is incomparably more enlightened and consistent than that of any other important organization of educational laymen. Indeed, in some respects this organization of laboring men and women has shown far more understanding and vision than the teachers.

"Second, organized labor, more than any other element in the population, is carrying on the old struggle for human freedom. The future of American democracy may well rest on the intelligence, the strength, the courage of organized labor. In the time of Jefferson and Jackson, the struggle for liberty took the form of a struggle for political rights; today it takes the form of a struggle for economic rights—for the right to work, for the right to material security, for the right to a fair share of the income of the nation. Whether our democracy is to live or die depends

on the outcome of this struggle. While in many particular instances organized labor may be wrong, in general it is profoundly right. Organized labor is the common man grown articulate; the common man is the only trustworthy guardian of democracy.

"To put the whole matter in a word, I joined the American Federation of Teachers because I became convinced long ago that organized labor believes in and is fighting for the things which I believe in and am fighting for. And because I know that in union there is strength."

—FRED CLAYSON.

Sen. Kefauver Asks Probe of Tank Contract to GM

Washington (LPA) — Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.) has asked for a Congressional investigation of the \$200 million M48 tank contract with General Motors. He said the contract "may represent a dangerous departure from the principle of maintaining a very broad defense production base" and also "may represent a dangerous policy in the concentration of an extraordinary amount of power in a single industry."

Although the GM bid was 12 percent under Chrysler's, Kefauver questioned whether the government would actually achieve overall savings, because such concentration means skilled technicians and "know-how" would be lost to other tank producers, and the tax amortization granted a number of suppliers would be endangered "and the economy in large segments of the industry will be dislocated greatly."

Kefauver pointed out that Chrysler's bid anticipated the participation of suppliers from 39 states, and that these suppliers "enjoy some \$50 million in tax amortization arrangements which were granted to them because of the necessity of widening the bases of defense production." Of the 12 to 15 specified sources for components of the tank, 10 are divisions of GM, Kefauver said.

3 AFL Men Included In Future Newsmakers Of San Francisco

San Francisco (LPA) — Among 100 "newsmakers of tomorrow" men under 40 who will figure in future headlines—chosen here, three are AFL leaders. That labor's potential greats were held to a three per cent figure may have been because the selection was a joint promotion stunt of Time, Inc., which publishes Time, Life, and Fortune magazines, and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The AFL men listed are: Jimmy Murphy, vice president of the San Francisco Labor Council and executive secretary of Hospital & Institutional Workers Local 20; Jack Henning, research and educational director, California State Federation of Labor; and Harry Pollard, Teamsters economist.

New Zealand's discoverers were Polynesian ancestors of the Maori race who ventured southward in frail canoes from islands of the Central Pacific. Anthropologists believe the first such voyage took place about A.D. 950, more than 500 years before Columbus discovered the New World.

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Didnt' You Know?

WAGE HIKES ARE 'FREE GIFT OF THE BOSSSES' SAYS C OF C

(AFL Release)

Frank Edwards SAYS...

Tune in Each Week Night

• LOOK AT HIS RECORD:

On Dec. 10th Rep. Carl T. Curtis (R., Nebr.), chairman of the House Subcommittee on Social Security, said: "The facts are that I have supported most of the Social Security bills that have gone through Congress in the last 15 years. Take a look at the record . . ."

The official record shows that on six key Social Security votes since 1939, Curtis has voted in favor of Social Security ONE time; has voted against it FIVE times. His first Social Security vote was in June, 1939, when Curtis actually did vote in favor of amendments; but the record also shows that only four members of the entire Congress voted otherwise. In July, 1946, Curtis voted against basic amendments to the Railroad Retirement Act. In April, 1948, he voted to deprive 4% of a million people of Social Security benefits.

In 1950, Curtis supported liberalizing amendments; but when the critical vote came up, he voted to kill the amendments by recommitting the bill. On April 19, 1952, Curtis voted to prevent from coming before Congress a bill to increase payments to the physically handicapped, the aged and dependent children. On June 17, 1952, the amended bill got back to the House, which passed it by a vote of 376 to 22. One of the 22 who opposed it was Rep. Carl T. Curtis, Republican, of Minden, Nebr.

Congressman Curtis belongs to the wrecking crew that is trying to destroy Social Security by burrowing from within and pounding from without.

• VERY SAFE IOU's . . .

Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. put out a statement recently which said that Social Security pension funds had all been spent and replaced with a bundle of Uncle Sam's IOU's—meaning government bonds. Very interesting, because the financial report of Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. shows that they have invested their policyholders' money in those government IOU's. Northwestern National owns \$47 million worth of government bonds.

UNION EXPELS BUSINESS AGENT

Joppa, Ill.—As a result of an unauthorized strike at a \$195 million steam plant project here, which will supply power for an atomic energy plant, the business agent of a local was expelled, and four officers were suspended.

Failure to observe instructions of the international and the Ironworkers' Union was charged. William B. Sanders, business agent of Local 595, failed to remove an unauthorized picket line from the project, and also was charged with having disregarded a no-strike agreement between the AFL and the Bechtel Corp., prime contractor at Joppa.

Percy Cloud, 595 president, was suspended 10 years and Charles Culp, vice president; Tom Marlowe, sergeant at arms, and E. W. Osborn, recording secretary, seven years each.

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Yes, dear wage earners of America, there is a Santa Claus. And you'd never recognize him behind those whiskers if it hadn't been for the sharp detective work of Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt, research director for the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Dum, ta, dum, tum. The good doctor went hunting through statistics in search of the facts, ma'am, with a veritable dragnet, and he came up with a great discovery. Briefly stated, it is this: The great gains scored by you American workers in the past 16 years were not due to unionization, not won by struggle, but were—get this!—the free gift of your bosses!

SUCKER BALOGNA

If it is a little difficult for you to picture your employer climbing down your chimney and stuffing your Christmas stockings with free and unsolicited wage increases, just listen to what Dr. Schmidt has to say in the latest issue of "Washington Report," published by the Chamber of Commerce:

"A competitive free market economy automatically passes into the hands of workers the gains of rising productivity."

AUTOMATICALLY, mind you.

What about the strikes, the picketing, the weary hours of negotiation to wrest higher wage rates and better working conditions from the employers?

All that is just sound and fury, signifying nothing, according to Dr. Schmidt. His statistics SHOW that the percentage of national income going to wage earners in 1952 was no higher than in 1936. *

What about these statistics? If you have always suspected that statistics are stranger than fiction, listen to what Boris Shishkin, AFL economist, has to say about Dr. Schmidt's.

In 1936, says Shishkin, average wages in manufacturing industries were only \$21.78 a week. Now, with most of those factories unionized, the average has been raised to \$71.91 a week. That's not all. The unions have improved working conditions, obtained vacations with pay, paid holidays, retirement pensions, health benefits and many other forms of security for the workers.

Before declaring a war of statistics between the clashing conclusions of the two economists, it should be pointed out that Dr. Schmidt failed to mention that 1952 was a year of unparalleled prosperity for business and rising profits took a greater share of the national income than in 1936. Farm income was also far higher. Therefore the percentage represented by personal income is not, of itself, particularly significant. It is not representative.

But it is fruitless to try to answer statistics with other statistics. And those of you who have served on the firing line in the struggle of labor to improve its status should not allow your blood pressure to shoot up because of Dr. Schmidt's effort to disguise your employer as Santa Claus. After all, everyone knows it just ain't so.

Did you ever hear of a real Santa Claus who would fight against paying his helpers the legal minimum wage of 75¢ an hour, or \$30 a week, in these times of high living costs? Do you think Santa Claus would try to wipe out your Social Security fund, as the Chamber of Commerce is doing?

Dear wage earners of America, when you strip the false whiskers off Dr. Schmidt's Santa Claus, it becomes obvious that he is an old phony.

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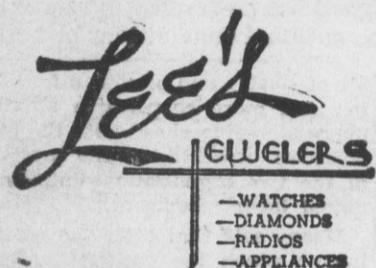
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CONTRACTS: We have several meetings scheduled following the holidays with members and employers. It has been difficult to arrange meetings for the past few days due to the holiday season.

By the time you read this bulletin the Christmas party will be past. We do hope the members had an enjoyable time.

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Meany Urges Ike To Revive U.S. Merchant Marine

Washington (LPA)—AFL President Meany has asked President Eisenhower to recommend to Congress revival of the American merchant marine, which Meany said now "faces virtual extinction."

In a letter to the President, Meany pointed out that even such small nations as Panama, Holland and Sweden now exceed us in shipbuilding, while Britain builds 10 times as much tonnage, France three times and Germany twice.

Meany warned America is "retracing a pattern" which it has followed three times in the last 35 years and each time "has paid dearly for its error." Declaring "there is still time to prevent this mistake," Meany asked the President to meet with him and the Executive Council of the AFL Metal Trades Department to consider a "realistic program" for conserving the shipbuilding industry, strengthening the merchant marine and bulwarking the national defense.

Meany's letter said the AFL considers the problem of such importance that "you may wish to discuss it in your next message to Congress on the State of the Union."

Employers Win Out: GOP to Stall Action By Jobless Pay Study

Washington (LPA)—Ignoring its promises of action, the Eisenhower Administration is continuing its "government-by-study" program—the latest study to be a survey of whether the present scale of unemployment compensation benefits is adequate.

The proposal for a study came from employer members of the Federal Advisory Committee of the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security. It was put through after the employer representatives succeeded in pushing aside another proposal made by Richard Lester, head of the Industrial Relations Department of Princeton University and a noted economist.

Lester's proposal, supported by labor members of the committee, was that the group should go on record as recognizing that present jobless pay benefits are inadequate.

It was pointed out that when the unemployment compensation program was set up in 1937, benefits averaged nearly 50 per cent of a worker's pay. This had dropped to little more than 30 per cent by 1953.

But the employers rebelled against accepting these figures without further study and succeeding in gaining enough support from public members to get their proposal through. Labor members acquiesced when it became apparent that the situation boiled down to a "study-or-nothing" proposition.

The March of Dimes has paid for 4,145 scholarships and fellowship awards for medical study and research during the past 16 years.

Tune in on Frank Edwards at home or at union meeting.



Got any Rembrandt patterns? I don't appreciate modern art.

10 Commandments for Employer

Recently, a Catholic employer's group in Mexico City issued a 10-point code for fair treatment of workers as a basis for sound management-labor relations.

The employers' group, labeled its code "an employers' decalogue." It reads:

I shall not treat labor as merchandise.

I shall give my workers a just salary in exchange for efficient services.

I shall not look upon my workers as servants, but as children of God, and my brethren, for whose well-being I am as concerned as for my own.

I shall seek the normal improvements of my workers by facilitating the study and application of Catholic norms in their social and family lives.

I shall seek the intellectual improvement of my workers, aiding them to educate both themselves and their children.

I shall seek the economic improvement of my workers through salary increases, or loans, provided the financial condition of my firm allows it, relying on their collaboration and friendliness.

I shall take an interest in the families of my workers, and help them to maintain an ever greater family unity.

I shall endeavor peacefully to settle, through arbitration by mixed committees, the unavoidable differences arising between my workers and the management of the firm.

I shall strive for unity among management for the betterment of the country and of the people.

I shall promote, with all the means at my disposal, devotion to the church, and the application of its standards in the social life of my country, particularly in my private and family life.

Senator Demands Higher Minimum Wage At Gompers Banquet

Boston (LPA)—The 75-cent minimum wage law is outmoded and the amount must be increased, Sen. John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) said at the fourth annual Samuel Gompers memorial banquet honoring the founder of the AFL.

He charged inaction, confusion and uncertainty which mark the Republican Administration constitute a real threat to the economy of the nation and called upon both major political parties to unite in a program to forestall a threatened economic collapse.

The Taft-Hartley law, which he pointed out tends to prevent the spread of unionism in areas in competition with New England, must be revised, Kennedy said. He also urged improving Social Security legislation to provide real security and strengthening the unemployment compensation program.

Bank Blames You, Not Middleman, For High Prices

Chicago (LPA)—Consumers, not middlemen, are to blame for the widening spread between what the farmer gets and what the shopper pays at the market, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The reason? Consumers demand more services, says the bank, such as buying a ready cake-mix instead of doing their own mixing. Although the portion of income spent for food has not varied much in 25 years, says the bank, consumers now are buying "more elegant and expensive" foods, and these need more preparation, more marketing services.

The bank's forecast: Since middlemen's prices have no way to go

Red Hunt in Texas Unions Draws Blank

Austin, Tex.—Not a single witness was able to name one Communist in the ranks of organized labor in Texas during an investigation by the state's industrial commission. The commission, over the objection of President William Harris of the Texas Federation of Labor, spent three days trying to find Communists in Texas trade unions.

Harris objected to the investigation because the commission was set up to look into disputes between workers and employers and did not have authority to get into the field of investigating Communism.

but up, the outlook for a narrowing of the margin between the farm and the retail market is not good.



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High Court Rules T-H Is Superior to State Laws

(AFL Release)

State courts have no power to handle labor-management disputes in cases where the Taft-Hartley Act gives jurisdiction to the National Labor Relations Board, the U. S. Supreme Court ruled in two separate decisions.

It held that in any conflict with state statutes, Taft-Hartley was the "supreme law of the land."

In an opinion written by Justice Robert Jackson, the court pointed out that Taft-Hartley "leaves much to the states, although Congress has refrained from telling us how much."

SPELL OUT CONFLICT

"We must spell out from conflicting indications of Congressional will the area in which state action is permissible," Jackson added.

In one of the cases, the court ruled 8 to 1 that automobile dealers having close ties with national manufacturers come under the jurisdiction of the Taft-Hartley Act although they operate within one state.

In the other, the justices decided unanimously that state courts cannot issue injunctions to enforce state labor laws where relief may be applied for under federal statutes.

Lawyers in the automobile dealer's case said that the ruling brought under the National Labor Relations Board 40,000 franchised auto dealers throughout the country—plus thousands of other dealers who handle refrigerators and other appliances made by auto manufacturers.

The case involved the International Association of Machinists, who filed an unfair labor practices complaint against the Howell Chevrolet Co., Glendale, Calif. It alleged the company had violated the Taft-Hartley Act by discharging an employee for union activities and refusing to bargain with a representative of the workers.

UPHOLD RULING

The Howell firm claimed it did not come under the federal law because its operations were on a state basis and its relationship with General Motors Corp., the Chevrolet manufacturer, was one of purchaser and vendor.

Briefs filed in the case showed that the company sold new cars and trucks assembled at a GM plant in California where 43 per cent of the parts used were shipped from outside the state.

The circuit court of appeals ruled that the Taft-Hartley law

applied to the company, and the Supreme Court upheld the ruling.

Justice Hugo Black, who wrote the majority opinion, pointed out that GM "closely supervised" Howell's local retail establishment, and that "sweeping control of the business was reserved by General Motors" in a direct selling agreement.

Justice William Douglas dissented.

The second case involved Teamsters Local 776, of Harrisburg, Pa., and the Central Storage and Transfer Co. of that city. The company obtained a county court injunction against the union's picketing a loading platform during an organizational drive on the ground that the action violated state law.

REVERSES LOWER COURT

In its appeal to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the local argued that no private right was involved and that peaceful picketing came under the exclusive jurisdiction of the NLRB.

The state court reversed the lower court, holding that the Taft-Hartley Act was paramount in the case, and the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the reversal.

"We conclude that when federal power constitutionally is exerted for the protection of public or private interests, or both," the Jackson opinion said, "it becomes the supreme law of the land and cannot be curtailed, circumvented or extended by state procedure merely because it will apply some doctrine of private right."

Crippled English Boy Wants Match Box Tops For His Collection

Atlanta, Ga. (LPA)—Match-box cover collectors can give a lot of pleasure to a 10-year-old crippled boy in England if they will send a few of their spares to his benefactor, A. T. Renson, IAM Lodge 2, Atlanta. Renson says the shut-in boy is particularly eager for American covers to add to his collection. Renson's address is 1651 Kenmore St., SW, Atlanta, Ga.

Excess Profits Tax Dies; Now Watch Out!

With quiet death of the excess profits tax on January 1, the big corporations are rubbing their hands in deep pleasure and with a guarantee of the most tremendous profits ever dreamed of they are contemplating a year of ruthless, cut-throat action against small competitors and labor unions.

There can be a first-class recession, which will conveniently wipe out millions of bothersome small competitors and will bring labor to its knees, crawling up to beg for a job—at any wage.

Listen to this: General Motors, which made about \$2 billion in 1953, had to pay about \$1.5 billion in taxes. Now with EPT off the rule books, it will only have to pay about \$1 billion. That's a \$500 million increase in clean profits without turning a hand.

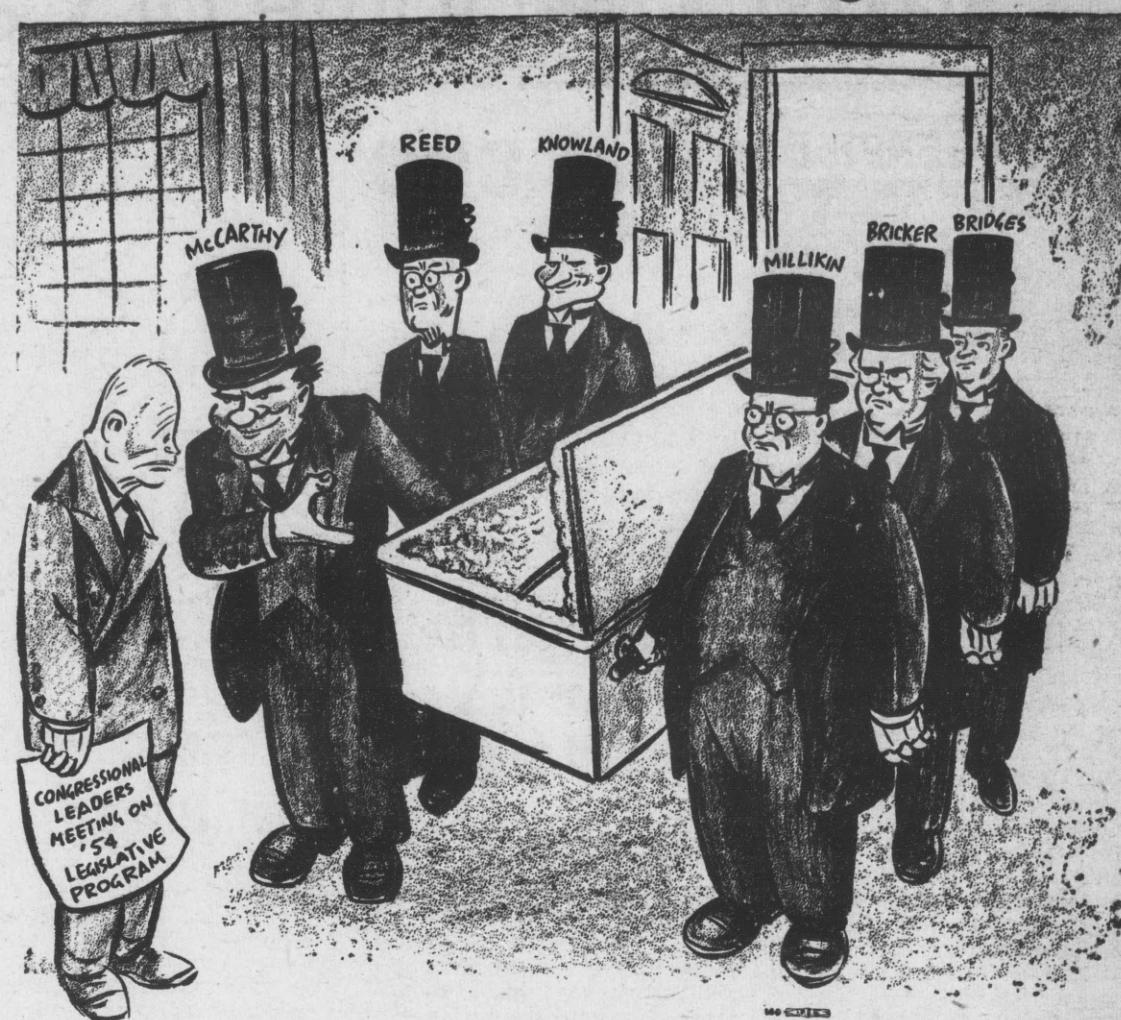
And so it goes with all the big ones. It's the latest of the Eisenhower-GOP handouts to Big Business, the take-away from the little ones and give it to the big ones.

program. And it's a dandy, a tremendous cushion for the successful ones.

Meanwhile, behind closed doors, in the inner green carpet sanctums of our Distant Capital, D. C., the great plan takes further shape—a sales tax. This gimmick will burden the low-wage people 60 times harder than the well to do.

It's all part of the long-range GOP-Big Biz program of rob and regulate the dumb working stiff, and scream Communism, War, and all terrible things in the headlines to keep his attention and his feelings occupied while this official robbery takes place.

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Sales About Same, Profits Leap 56% For Swift & Co.

New York (LPA)—Although sales increased a tiny fraction and taxes went up 69 per cent, net profits of Swift & Co., largest of the Big 4 meat packers, leaped 56 per cent in the fiscal year ended Oct. 31.

Among the favorable factors, explained President John Holmes in his annual report were that "the industry has been freed of crippling price controls and regulations that not only penalized earnings but disrupted the free flow of meat from producer to consumer." He added that "we look forward to further progress."

Cudahy, another big packer, lost \$7,290,148 in 1952, but although sales in 1953 dropped 17.3 per cent, it managed to wind up in the black by \$543,677.

Swift's sales totalled \$2,597,203,715, which was only \$4,573,172, or .0018 per cent better than 1952. Its federal income and excess profits taxes were \$36,055,911, a jump of 69 per cent from 1952. But its net profits rose from \$21,698,417 in 1952 to \$33,903,294 in 1953, and earnings per share rose from \$3.66 to \$5.72. Which is a much truer picture than the earnings per dollar of sales, which is the figure the meat packers like to use, because it looks so small. According to Swift's annual report, earnings per \$1 of sales were 1.3 cents in 1953 and 0.8 cents in 1952. But that is a leap of 62 per cent.

Michigan Credit Unions Celebrate Movement's 105th Anniversary

Detroit (LPA)—Credit Union Day celebrations covered Michigan this year, spreading the story of the credit unions as they celebrated the 105th anniversary of the founding of the credit union movement.

Each of Michigan's 16 chapters joined in the celebration. Feature stories, radio and television shows, dinners, displays, advertisements, entertainments and movies were used to publicize the event. Three thousand attended dinner meetings in Flint, Alpena, Lansing, Detroit, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor, Wyandotte, Muskegon and Grand Rapids.

Governor G. Mennen Williams joined in a half-hour television show while several radio stations carried an interview given by Governor Williams when he signed the proclamation of Credit Union Week in the state.

AFL-CIO OFFICERS SIGN NO-RAIDING AGREEMENT

(AFL Release)

In an historic ceremony, top officers of the American Federation of Labor and the CIO signed the no-raiding agreement which had been approved by the national conventions of both organizations.

This was the first definite step toward labor unity. The next one will be taken "at an early date" when the officers of unions affiliated with both federations will be called to the nation's capital for a meeting at which they will affix their signatures to the agreement and, in so doing, becomes parties to it.

The pact will apply only to those unions that sign it. It will go into effect Jan. 1 for a period of two years. Under its terms, signatory unions pledge themselves not to raid the membership of unions in the other camp that have also signed.

SIGNATURES BIND UNIONS

For the two parent organizations, the agreement was signed by AFL President George Meany, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler, CIO President Walter Reuther and CIO Secretary-Treasurer James Carey. Their signatures bind the directly affiliated local unions of both organizations.

It was explained, however, that the compact applies geographically only to the United States, its territories and possessions. Membership in Canada will be covered, it is expected, by parallel action to be taken by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor.

The signing ceremony culminated the first meeting of the AFL-CIO Unity Committees since last June, when the agreement was negotiated.

In answer to questions from newsmen, Meany said:

"It is my belief affiliated unions of the AFL eventually will sign this agreement."

Reuther said all but five CIO unions already have sent in written authorizations of their intention of signing the document. He said the remaining five are small organizations and they are awaiting action by their executive boards.

STEP TOWARD UNITY

When one newsmen remarked that it had taken almost a year to consummate this first step toward labor unity, Meany replied:

"That's more progress than was achieved in the previous 17 years."

He emphasized that the no-raiding agreement is considered a necessary preliminary step to clear the

Retail Clerks boast New West Coast High

Santa Barbara, Calif. (LPA)—Local 899 here boasts of having scored a new high for wage rates among all AFL Retail Clerks units on the West Coast. A contract signed with independent food stores provides these minimums, all for a 5-day, 40-hour week: managers, \$112.88; department heads, \$92.40; regular clerks, \$82.09.

Here's How Quickly Credit Unions Can Grow

St. Louis (LPA)—How quickly—and profitably—a credit union can grow was demonstrated by the members of Local 655, AFL Retail Clerks, formed. After being in existence 10 days short of eight months, it declared a dividend of 3½ cents; it had 120 shareholders with more than \$10,000 in deposits, and had made loans totaling \$8400 at big savings to members.

Union Label For Robin Hood In Illinois Town

LaSALLE, Ill. (LPA)—It may pain Mrs. Thomas P. White, but Robin Hood wears a union label—in this town, anyhow.

Mrs. White is the Indiana text book commissioner who said the Robin Hood story should be barred because it would give the Indiana kiddies "Communist" ideas. Well, the Robin Hood Store of LaSalle has just been organized by the Retail Clerks Union.